



## Proposed Resolution in Support of the Civil Liberties, Safety, and Human Rights for all Yarmouth Residents and Visitors

To be voted on by the Yarmouth Select Board  
Dec. 2, 2025, 6pm, Yarmouth Town Hall

**The proposed Resolution is as follows** (adapted from wording of the resolution unanimously approved by the Barnstable Town Council on August 21, 2025):

The Yarmouth Select Board does hereby affirm the Town of Yarmouth's commitment to the values of freedom, justice, and equality for all Yarmouth residents and visitors, and to supporting its residents and visitors in leading lives of peace and dignity free from fear, harassment, and violence, and to that end, further resolves that the Town of Yarmouth and its officials and employees shall:

- Continue to comply with all applicable provisions of state and federal law, including the Massachusetts Constitution, which guarantees equal protection of the laws to all people, regardless of nationality, citizenship, or immigration status; and
- Continue to protect the civil liberties, safety, and human rights of all Yarmouth residents and visitors regardless of age, race, religion, ethnicity, ability, sexual and gender identity, marital, or economic status, citizenship, and immigration status.

### *Main Points regarding this Proposed Resolution*

The proposed Resolution will give the Town of Yarmouth **a valuable opportunity to reaffirm the values we hold as a community**, such as freedom, justice and equality for all our residents.

This Resolution will **convey an essential message**--that *everyone*, residing or visiting within the Town of Yarmouth, is valued by our town and an important part of the fabric of our community, including our immigrant neighbors, friends, and communities, regardless of immigration status.

This Resolution will **contribute to the strength of our Mid-Cape region** by joining the Towns of Barnstable and Dennis in affirming our collective community values (residents of Dennis are working concurrently to pass a similar Resolution).

This Resolution does not intend nor seek to include mechanisms of enforcement nor penalty for potential violation; nor does this Resolution support noncompliance with state or federal law. Rather, **the intent of this Resolution is to reaffirm who we are and the values we hold as a community, including continued respect for every Yarmouth resident and visitor, and continued protection of their civil liberties, safety, and human rights.**

Thank you to the Yarmouth Select Board for considering and voting upon this proposed Resolution.

Submitted by "Yarmouth for Everyone,"  
A Working Group of Concerned Yarmouth Residents

